



**Prayer to help
discernment
process**

*With tapestries:
The Book of Revelation
Angers Castle - France*



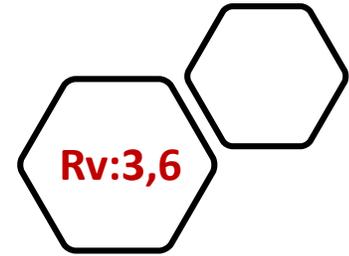
**6 On the Lord's Day,
I was in the Spirit,
and I heard
behind me
a loud voice
like a trumpet* ...*

Rev: 1, 10



...which said:

**6 Write on a scroll
what you see
and send it
to the 7
churches...*



**6*Whoever has ears,*
let them hear
what the Spirit says
to the churches.*
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Discernment

To discern
is to approach a leap
in Faith and
Confidence.



This choice
only
provides
day-to-day
light

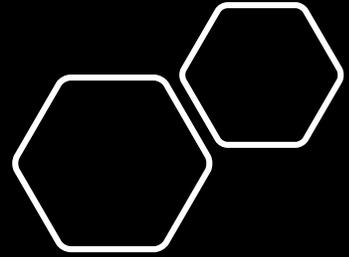






*6 Sarai... Sarah *9*

Genesis 12: 14-18.



When
famine came
to the land of
the Negev,
Abram took
his beautiful
wife, Sarai, to
Egypt.



When they had reached the Egyptian border, Abram said to Sarai, 'Listen, I know you are a beautiful woman. When the Egyptians see you, they will say 'This is his wife', and they will kill me and spare you. Tell them you are my sister so that they may treat me well because of you and spare my life out of regard for you'.

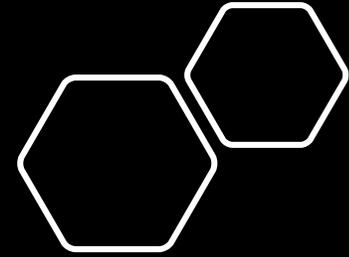


• Pharaoh's officials reported to him that Sarai was Abram's sister. She was taken to Pharaoh's court and Pharaoh took her as his wife. Pharaoh treated Abram well because of Sarai and gave him flocks of animals and many slaves.





But God sent
plagues to punish
Pharaoh and his
household
because of Sarai.
Pharaoh
reprimanded
Abram because of
his dishonesty
and restored
Sarai to him.



The truth is that Abram had trafficked his wife, Sarai, to Pharaoh to save his own life and acquire riches.

Pharaoh, the pagan ruler, pointed out the lies told by Abram and Sarai.

The truth can come from an unexpected source.



When Sarai had grown old without having borne a child, she gave her Egyptian slave girl, Hagar, to Abram, thinking, "Maybe I shall get children through her"⁹. Hagar gave birth to a son, whom she named Ishmael. Having become a mother, Hagar treated Sarai with contempt.

Sarai could not bear this and complained to Abram, who told her to treat Hagar as she pleased.

So Sarai sent Hagar and her son, Ishmael away out into the wilderness.

But God had pity on Hagar and her son and promised that she would be the mother of many children

The Lord always hears the prayer of the poor!

- Yahweh appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mambré while he was sitting by the entrance to the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them and bowed to the ground.





Abraham gave his visitors food and drink, the best he could provide and then stood under the tree, close to them, while they ate.

“Where is your wife, Sarah?” they asked. “She is in the tent” he replied. Then his guest said, “I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will have a son”.

Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent behind him. She laughed when she heard the visitor's words, because she and Abraham were very old, beyond the age of having children.

But Yahweh asked Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Am I really going to have a child now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for Yahweh?" At the same time next year, I shall visit you again and Sarah will have a son".

"I did not laugh", Sarah said, lying because she was afraid.

But he replied, "O yes, you did laugh".



Yahweh dealt kindly with Sarah, as he had said, and did what he had promised her.

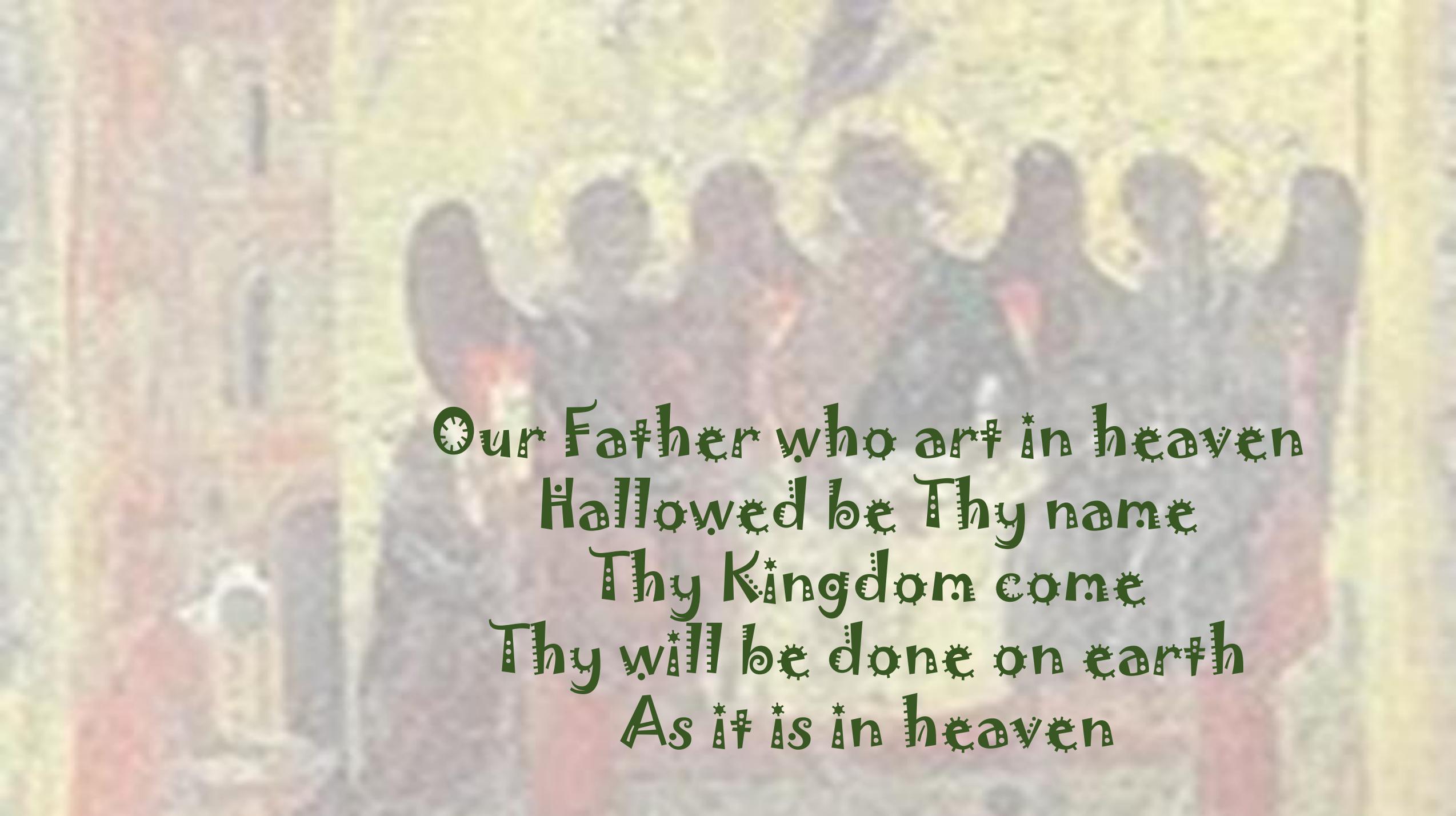
So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised.

Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

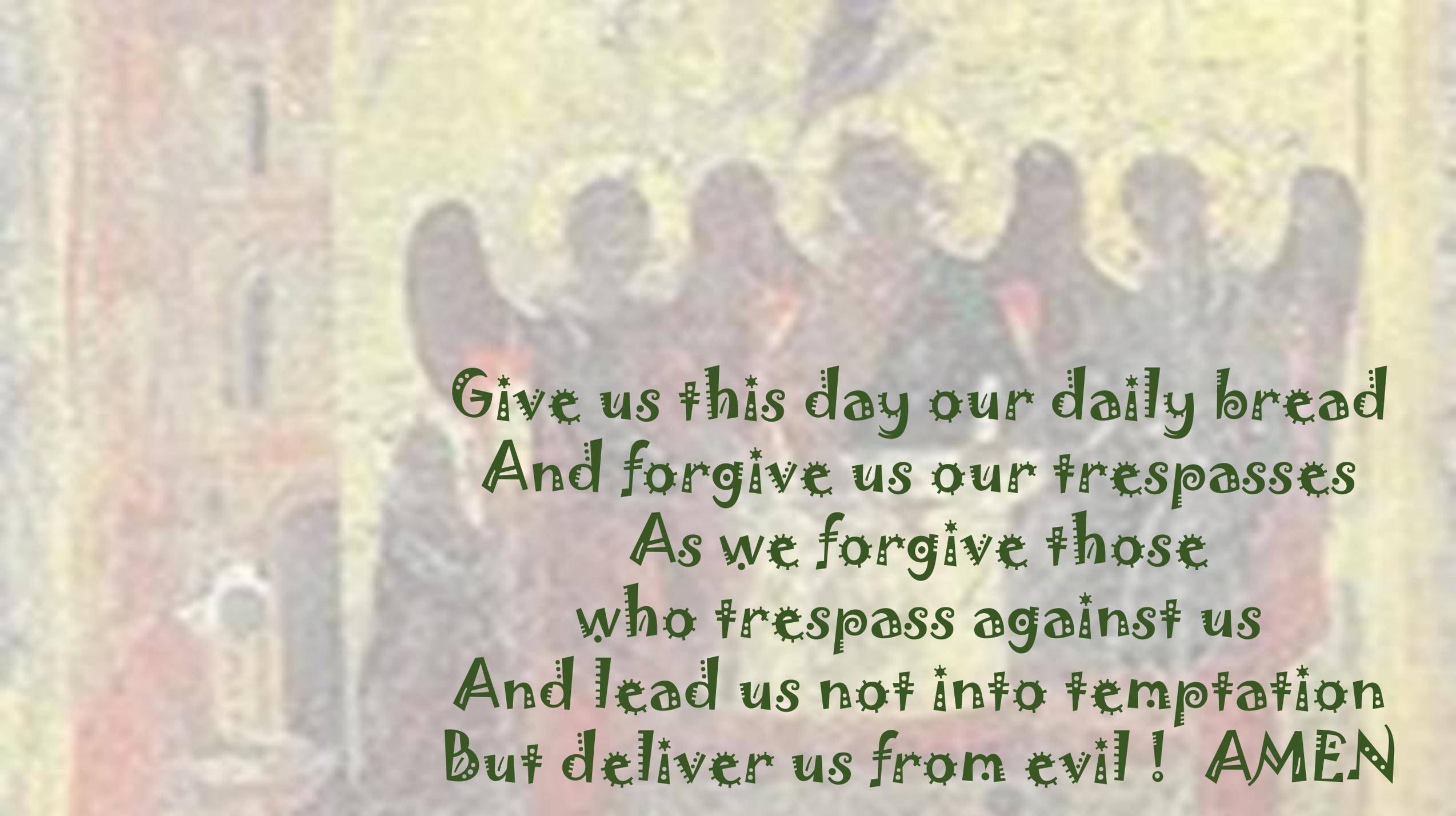
Sarah laughed again saying, "God has given me cause to laugh; all those who hear of it will laugh with me".







Our Father who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy Kingdom come
Thy will be done on earth
As it is in heaven



Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those
who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil! AMEN

